



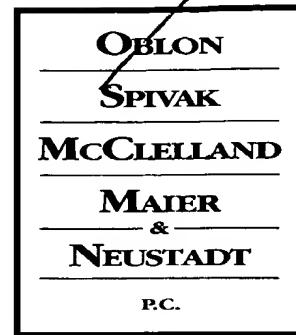
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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/828,217
Applicants: Toshio HIRANO, et al.
Filing Date: April 9, 2001
For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING CELLS EXPRESSING
A PROTEIN HAVING PRE-B CELL GROWTH-
SUPPORTING ABILITY
Group Art Unit: 1646
Examiner: P. Mertz

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Request for Extension of Time (Three Month)
Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (with marked-up copy)**

Our check in the amount of \$930.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

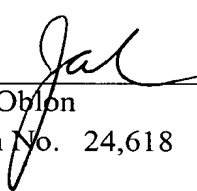
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